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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION/RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

Dear Examiner Ward:

This is in response to the July 14, 2004 Office Action setting forth an election/restriction requirement in the above-identified application. Applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith to extend the period for responding to that Action for two (2) months, from August 14, 2004 up to and including October 14, 2004 and have paid the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(2). Claim amendments begin at page 2. Remarks begin at page 13.

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